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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR

CONTROLLING THE

FUNCTIONING OF A NITROGEN OXIDE TRAP FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE RUNNING

ON A LEAN MIXTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.